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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following sheets.

Amendments to the Specification are described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amended originally-filed drawing sheets identifying the drawing changes and formal drawing sheets including the drawing changes are attached following page 9 of this paper.